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Applicant: Cote, et al.

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Serial No.: 09/812,237

Art Unit: 3763

Filing Date: March 19, 2001

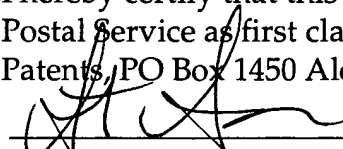
Date: August 4, 2003

Invention: APPARATUS FOR REDUCING
FLUID DRAWBACK THROUGH
A MEDICAL VALVE

Examiner: Jeremy Thissell

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the office action of July 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The claims are listed beginning on page 2 of 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of 9 of this paper.



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PATENT

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In re application of: Cote et al.
Application No.: 09/812,237
Filed: 03/19/2001
For: Apparatus for Reducing Fluid Drawback Through a Medical Valve

Group No.: 3763
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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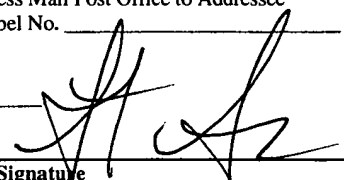
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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	39	—	39	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	=	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	5	—	5	=	0	x	\$ 84.00	=	\$ 0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+	\$ CO***	=	\$ 0.00
							TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00

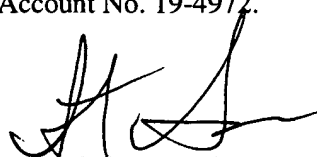
No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.

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